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Optoelectronic Sensor and Device for 3D Distance Measurement

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's June 24, 2009 Official Action.

The Examiner found that the claims of the instant application, which are directed to optoelectronic sensors, describe patently distinct species. The Examiner therefore required that the application be restricted to one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Fig. 1; and

II. Fig. 2.

Applicants respectfully select Group 1, Fig. 1, for prosecution on the merits. The claims readable upon selected group 1 are claims 1-13.

Respectfully submitted,

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